Sekai no Owari no Encore

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A MOMENT OF REST WITHIN HER CHEST...!?
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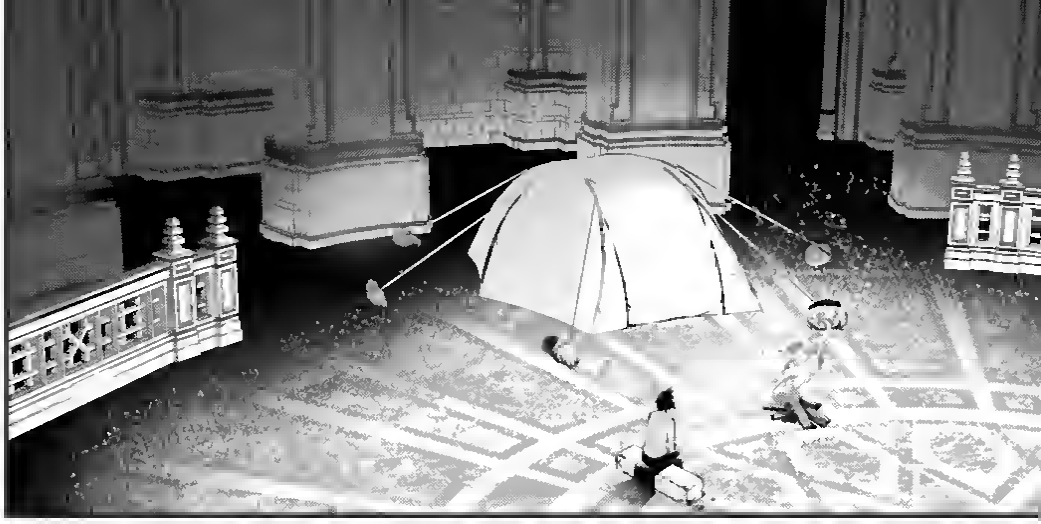

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...PHEW.
UMM, COULD IT BE THAT YOU'RE SPENDING THE ENERGY TO APPEAR BECAUSE WE'RE ALONE?
...TOGETHER?
AH, THOUGHT SO.

AREN'T YOU TIRED FROM SHOWING UP SO OFTEN?
YOU CAN REST, YOU KNOW.
SORRY FOR WORRYING YOU.
BUT I'M FINE. I'M JUST KEEPING WATCH.

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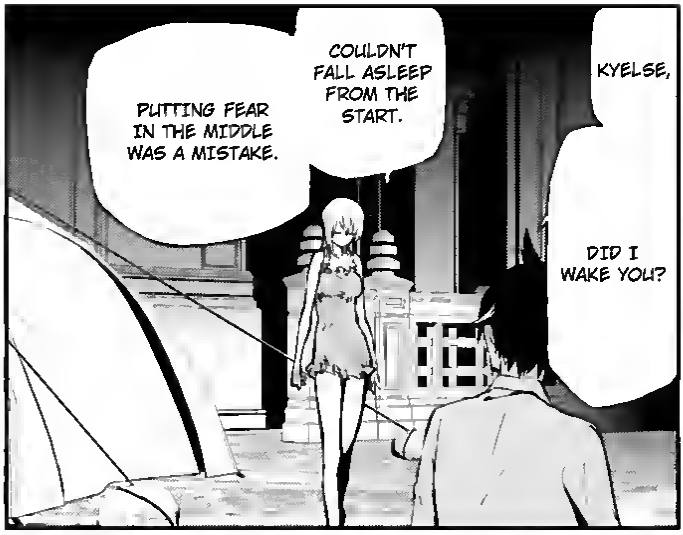
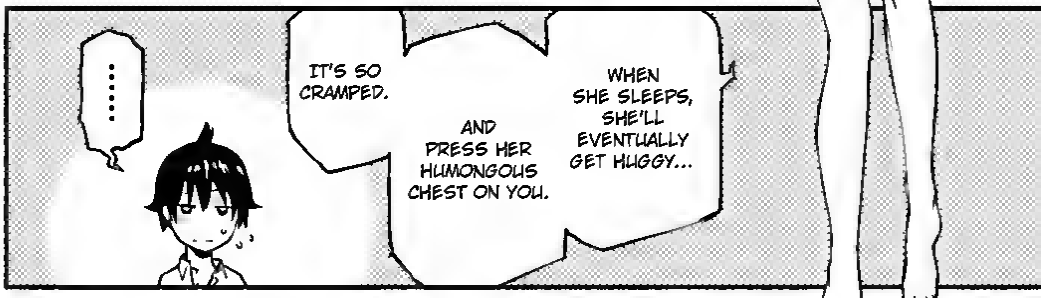
IT'S PRETTY ATTACHED TO YOU ISN'T IT?


KYELSE,
DID I WAKE YOU?
COULDN'T FALL ASLEEP FROM THE START.
PUTTING FEAR IN THE MIDDLE WAS A MISTAKE.


WHEN SHE SLEEPS, SHE'LL EVENTUALLY GET HUGGY...
AND PRESS HER HUMONGOUS CHEST ON YOU.
IT'S SO CRAMPED.
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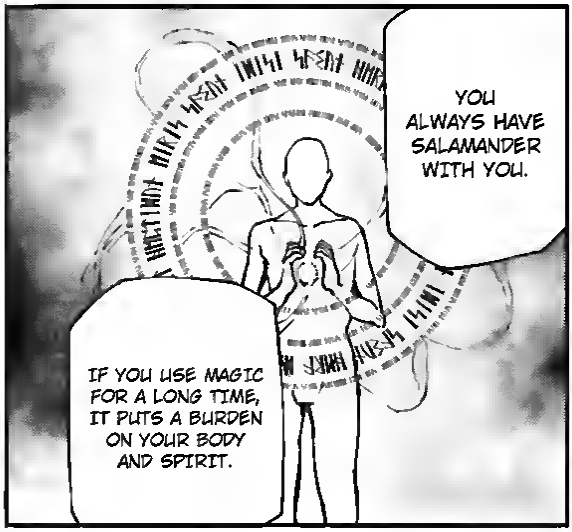
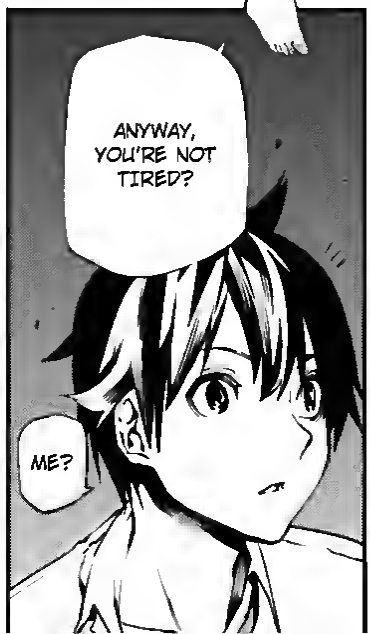

YOU ALWAYS HAVE SALAMANDER WITH YOU.
IF YOU USE MAGIC FOR A LONG TIME, IT PUTS A BURDEN ON YOUR BODY AND SPIRIT.


ANYWAY, YOU'RE NOT TIRED?
ME?

I SEE... THAT'S LIKE YOU.
NO... I'M FINE.
I'M MORE WORRIED THAT IT'S THE ONE GETTING TIRED.
ALONG THE WAY, YOU'VE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT SALAMANDER.
SOME OTHER HUMAN USING IT... WOULD ONLY CARE ABOUT
HOW MUCH POWER HE CAN GET OUT OF HIS SUMMON.
BUT YOU'RE DIFFERENT.
YOU DON'T CONCERN YOURSELF WITH JUST GETTING AS MUCH AS YOU CAN OUT OF THE SPIRIT, BUT FOR THE SPIRIT ITSELF.
WELL... I GUESS SO.

MAYBE THAT'S WHAT REALLY MAKES YOU SPECIAL.
MAYBE IT'S YOUR CHARACTER INSTEAD...
ISN'T JUST TALENT OR SOMETHING YOU WERE BORN WITH.
MAYBE YOUR ANCIENT SUMMONING

WHETHER YOU DESERVE ANY COMPLIMENT DEPENDS ON HOW YOU AND THE SPIRITS GET ALONG IN THE FUTURE.
...ARE YOU COMPLEMENTING ME?

BUT WE DON'T WANT CANAAN PILGRIMAGE DOCTRINE SHIP TO FIND OUT WE'RE LOOKING FOR SPIRITS.
THEY'RE COMPLETELY ON THEIR GUARD AGAINST US.

ON HOW I...

IT'S A REGULAR THING BACK IN THE DRAGON VALLEY. I'M USED TO HANDLING HUMANS LIKE THAT.
NOT A PROBLEM! IF THEY BARE THEIR TEETH AT US, I'LL KNOCK THEM RIGHT OUT OF THIS TOMB.
IF YOU DO THAT, HOLY LAND CANAAN WILL START INVESTIGATING...

OH... WHAT KIND OF PLACE IS THE DRAGON VALLEY?

BUT AS SOMEONE CALLED THE PRINCESS OF DRAGONS
WE DIDN'T LEARN MUCH ABOUT IT AT THE ACADEMY EXCEPT THAT IT'S AN UNEXPLORED REGION WHERE THE WORLD'S DRAGONS GATHER...
YOU SHOULD BE THE MOST DISTINGUISHED ONE IN THE VALLEY, RIGHT?
DISTINGUISHED... THERE WAS NO DRAGON WHO COULD OPPOSE ME.
DRAGON SOCIETY IS BASED ON AGE. DRAGONS WHO LIVE LONGER ARE LARGER AND STRONGER IN BODY.
BUT WHEN I WAS BORN, I WAS STRONGER THAN EVERY OTHER DRAGON.

THEY HONORED ME AS "PRINCESS" ON THEIR OWN
ALL OF MY KIND FEARED ME.
JUST BECAUSE I WAS THERE.

YOU BECAME PART OF ELELINE'S PARTY.
BUT ANYWAY, IT'S BEEN DECADES SINCE THAT TIME.
THAT'S RIGHT.

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I MET COMPANIONS WHO COULD BE CLOSE TO ME WITHOUT BEING SCARED.
I WAS HAPPY...

I WAS HOPING TO HEAR ABOUT THIS. WHAT WAS IT LIKE HAVING ADVENTURES WITH ELELINE?
IT WASN'T JUST ELELINE, BUT ALSO FEAR AND ELISE. WE CLASHED WITH EACH OTHER OPENLY.
WE BRAWLED AND BICKERED TOO.

WE WERE EQUALS WHO COULD TALK ABOUT ANYTHING,
TRAVELING THE WORLD TO PLACES WE'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE...

WHAT ABOUT THE VALLEY WHILE YOU WEREN'T THERE?
DID YOU LEAVE SOME OTHER DRAGON IN COMMAND?

SOUNDS NICE..

MY LITTLE SISTER.
SISTER!?
MORE ACCURATELY, SOMEONE I SWORE SISTERHOOD WITH.
SHE'S NOT A DRAGON OF THE SAME LINE.
SOUL KING DRAGON KARLA.
MIRACULOUSLY BORN WITH THE BLOOD OF EVERY DRAGON.
A SUPREME DRAGON WHO RIVALS A HEAVENLY SILVER DRAGON LIKE MYSELF.
SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD LITTLE SISTER, STANDING IN FOR THE PRINCESS.
A GOOD SISTER... HUH?

WHEN I SAID I'D GO TO LOOK FOR THE ENCORE,
KARLA WAS THE ONE WHO OPPOSED IT THE MOST.

HUH...!? WHY?
THE ENCORE IS ELELINE'S LEGACY, SO DOESN'T IT MAKE SENSE FOR HIS COMRADES TO SEARCH?
IT DOES...

...SORRY.
HMM?
EVEN IF IT'S MY GOAL, THE VALLEY OF DRAG-ONS...
DRAGONS LIVE AND THINK DIFFERENTLY FROM HUMANS.
BUT...

I'M GOING BACK TO THE TENT.
IT'S JUST GRUMBLING.
OKAY...
AH.
YOU STILL HAVE DUST ON YOU.

IS THERE SOME LEFT?
YEAH. I'LL GET IT OFF, SO DON'T MOVE—
!?

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I-IDIOT!
AGAIN WITH MY SENSITIVE PART...!
SORRY! THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS TRYING TO DO! REALLY!

HUH!? WHAT DID YOU...?
MY HEART'S NOT PREPARED...
SOMETHING LIKE THAT IT'S TOO SOON
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NOTHING!
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AHH, THAT'S SO NOSTALGIC!
ELELINE COMING TO FIGHT THE UNDERWORLD BY HIMSELF!
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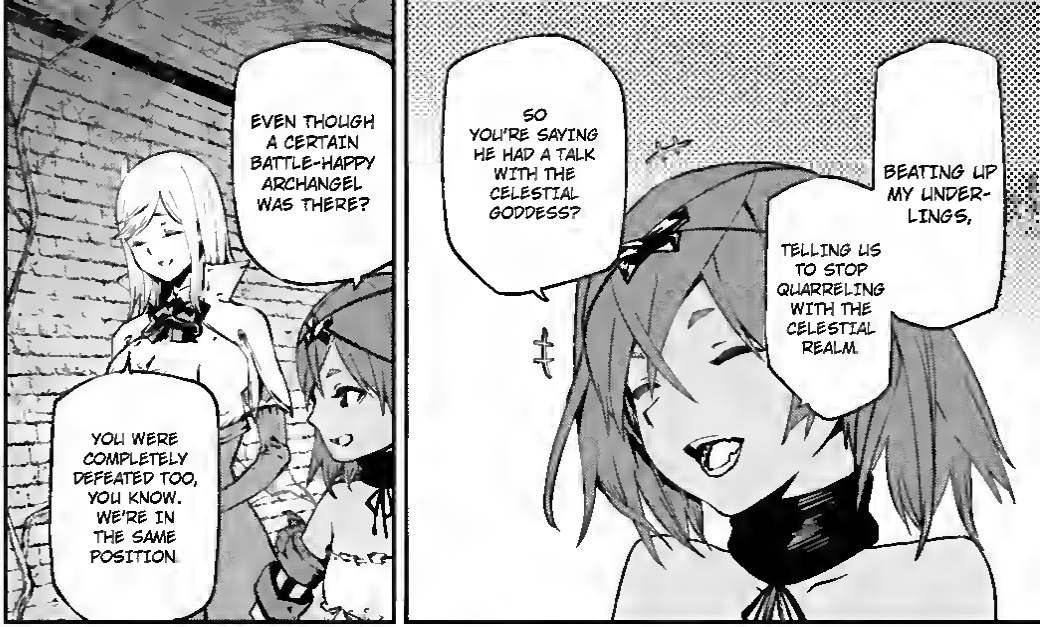
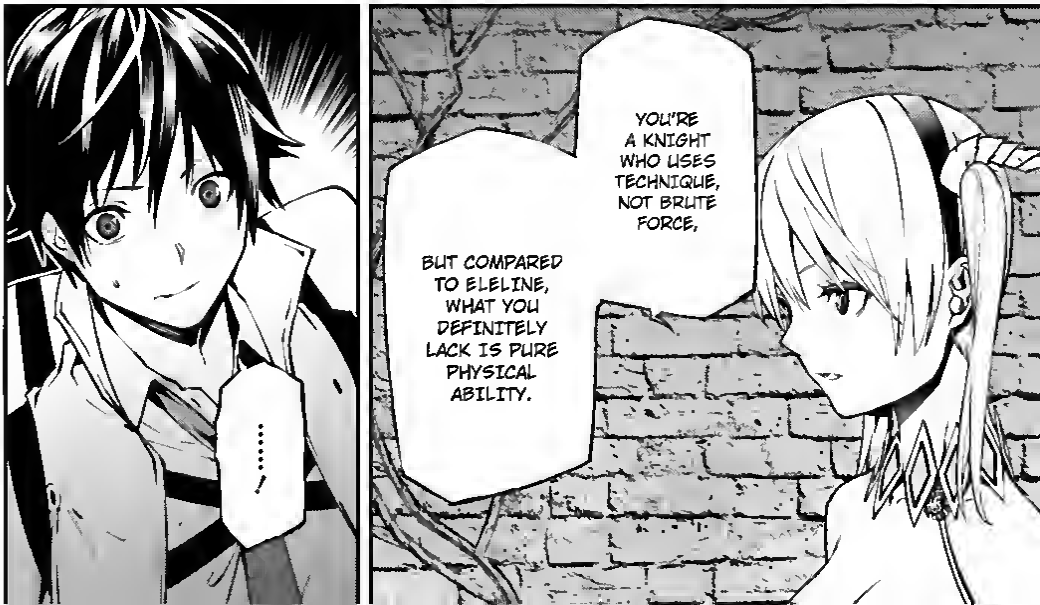

EVEN THOUGH A CERTAIN BATTLE-HAPPY ARCHANGEL WAS THERE?
YOU WERE COMPLETELY DEFEATED TOO, YOU KNOW. WE'RE IN THE SAME POSITION.
SO YOU'RE SAYING HE HAD A TALK WITH THE CELESTIAL GODDESS?
BEATING UP MY UNDER-LINGS,
TELLING US TO STOP QUARRELING WITH THE CELESTIAL REALM.

IN THE END...
THE CELESTIAL GODDESS RESFREZ WAS FORCED TO MAKE PEACE.
HER STRENGTH AND HER WAY OF THINKING WERE THROWN ASIDE..
HE REALLY SURMOUNTED EVERYTHING THROUGH GREAT EFFORT, HUH? IT MAKES ME FEEL INSECURE


YOU'RE A KNIGHT WHO USES TECHNIQUE, NOT BRUTE FORCE,
BUT COMPARED TO ELELINE, WHAT YOU DEFINITELY LACK IS PURE PHYSICAL ABILITY.
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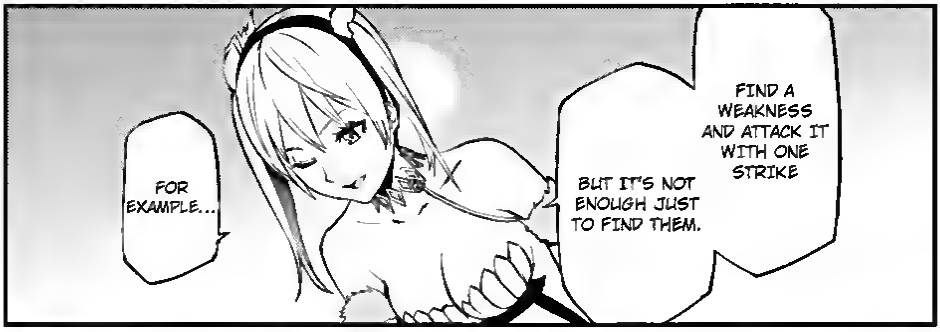
YOU DON'T NEED TO LOOK SO DEPRESSED.
ALL WE'RE SAYING IS THAT TO GRASP ELELINE'S DIVINE SWORDSMANSHIP,
YOU NEED A MINIMAL AMOUNT OF PHYSICAL ABILITY.
RIGHT, THAT'S ALL WE MEAN.


FIND A WEAKNESS AND ATTACK IT WITH ONE STRIKE
BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH JUST TO FIND THEM.
FOR EXAMPLE...

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE REVERSED SCALES OF DRAGONS?
AMONG A DRAGON'S TOUGH SCALES, THERE'S ONE INVERTED, WHERE ALL THE PAIN-SENSING NERVES ARE CONCENTRATED.
IF REMOVED, IT'S A WEAK POINT THAT WOULD HURT ANY DRAGON.

IF A NORMAL KNIGHT CUT AT IT,
EVEN IF IT'S A YOUNG DRAGON'S REVERSED SCALE, THERE WOULDN'T BE A WOUND.
...THERE'S NO WAY IT WOULD BE THAT EASY.

YOU NEED SWORD TECHNIQUE OF COURSE,
BUT A SLASH WITH THE POWER TO BREAK THE REVERSE SCALE IS ALSO ESSENTIAL.
SO HURRY UP AND GET STRONGER—

!?
WHAT'S THAT!? THAT SHAKING...

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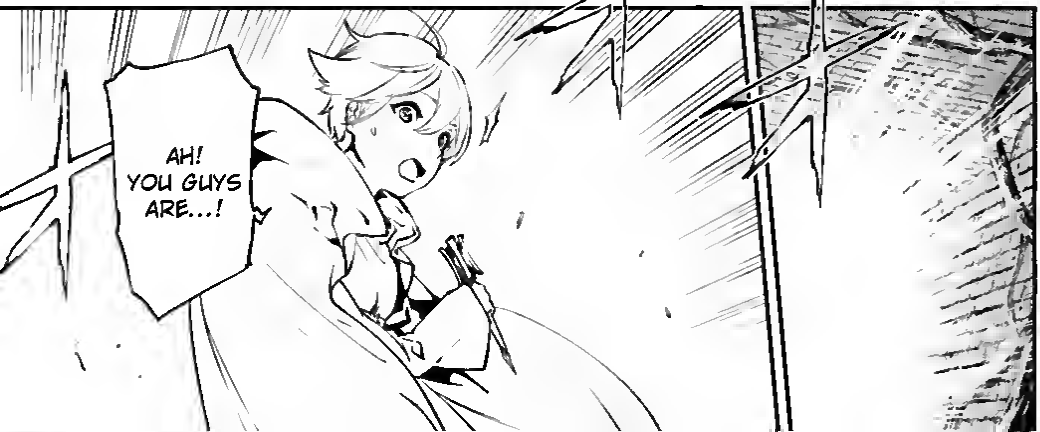
PLUS THE SMELL OF A SPIRIT.
THIS WAVE-LENGTH... IT'S HUMAN MAGIC.
IT'S COMING FROM AHEAD.

OKAY.
I'M ALWAYS READY TO DO THIS.
REN, LET'S GO!


AH! YOU GUYS ARE...!

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